

Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC)

Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)

Virginia Emergency Response Team (VERT)

October 2006 Flooding Event

SITUATION REPORT # 3A

As of 1600 hours 9 October 2006

WEATHER

Forecast: ***Today:** Mostly sunny with highs in the mid 70s. Eastern Virginia has a slight chance of rain. East winds between 5-15 MPH. Tonight: mostly clear with lows in the upper 40s to mid 50s, with clam winds. Tuesday, 10 October: mostly sunny with highs in the mid 70s, with calm winds. Next chance of showers is Wednesday, 11 October.*

EXECUTIVE ACTION

EOC Activation: Virginia Emergency Operations Center augmented with limited staff. Coordinated resource requests from localities and conference calls with selected State Agencies. Monitoring local situations and National Weather Service forecast and advisories and notifying appropriate localities.

State of Emergency: ***At 1540 hours on 9 October Governor Timothy Kaine declared a State of Emergency due to storms and flooding in Central and Southeast Virginia.***

Protective Actions:

EOC Activations:

- Surry County, ***closed at 1700, 8 October***
- Sussex County
- Isle of Wight County, ***open from 0700 to 2300 hours***
- James City County, closed at 2100 hours, 7 October
- Prince George County, closed at 1600 hours, 7 October
- ***City of Franklin, opened at 0400 hours, 9 October***

Local Emergency Declared:

- Surry County
- Sussex County
- Isle of Wight County
- James City County
- Southampton County
- ***City of Franklin***

Evacuations:

- City of Richmond – Closed at 1000 hours with no one sheltered.
- Sussex County – 45 people evacuated; 1 shelter open with 3 sheltered in hotel. Shelter now closed, but monitoring situation in Stony Creek.
- Isle of Wight County – 40 people evacuated; 1 shelter opened at 1100 hours assisted 5 people and closed at 1740 hours.
- James City County – 25 people evacuated and no shelter open.
- Surry County – opened shelter on 7 October. Shelter closed due to no residents.
- ***City of Franklin – 75 people evacuated thus far; 1 shelter open, assisting 12 people at Franklin High School.***

Schools Closed:

- ***Isle of Wight – closed 9 October and 10 October***

OPERATIONS SECTIONS

State Warning Point: *Monitoring National Weather Service River Forecast Center advisories and National Weather Service forecasts. The Blackwater River is forecasted to crest to 22.4 feet at 200 hours 10 October.*

Local Liaison: *Initial Damage Assessments are being sought from all local communities affected and State Agencies. 2 VDEM Local Support Services Regional Coordinators are on scene in the City of Franklin assisting the local government.*

EMERGENCY SERVICES BRANCH

Search & Rescue (ESF 9): *Civil Air Patrol (CAP) flew along the Blackwater River from north of Zuni to south of Franklin to complete a visual reconnaissance.*

Public Safety & Security: *Virginia State Police Staff on extended hours with additional staff on call. Occupied with road closures and re-routing. VSP **Swift Water Rescue Team is standing by to support the City of Franklin police and EOC.** Virginia National Guard notified of possible needs for resources and no resources were needed and/or utilized. **VDGIF supplied 4 boats to assist evacuating residents of the City of Franklin.***

Hazardous Materials (ESF 10): *The VDEM Regional Hazmat Officers and members of the Newport News Regional HazMat Response Team are on scene assisting the local fire department.*

HUMAN SERVICES BRANCH

Mass Care (ESF 6): *American Red Cross (ARC) assisted with shelter operations in Sussex County and is on standby to assist in the City of Franklin.*

INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT BRANCH

Transportation (ESF 1): *3 Primary roads (58 Business and Isle of Wight County line, Route 35 at 606, and 460 at Zuni) and 116 Secondary roads closed. Monitoring for possible flooding of Interstate 95 at Stony Creek (Exit 31) underway with no flooding reported at this time. Assisting localities with signage and making necessary repairs.*

LOGISTICS SECTION

Resource Support (ESF 7): *VDEM provided 2 tech hazard gators that are currently enroute to the City of Franklin. A request has been logged for 40 Type III Barricades to block flooded roads, 2 Zodiac Boats, a High Clearance Vehicle to assist with evacuations, and a staffed engine company and staffed medic for the City of Franklin. VDEM is responding to a request for hazmat personnel and firefighters to relieve crews working the Franklin gasoline spill and flooding.*

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

Public Information (ESF 15): *Responded to Legislative Inquiry reference roads in Smithfield. **No new media inquiries as of 1500 hours, 9 October.***

LOCAL ACTIVITIES

- Southampton County: Emergency personnel on standby to conduct door-to-door notifications in areas likely to flood. **40 people have been evacuated from the Town of Kingsdale and Burdette due to flooding from the Blackwater River.**
- City of Franklin: Notified city businesses likely to be flooded in order to take preventive measures. **The US Corp of Engineers provided 5000 sandbags for the City.** The City, as well as private boats, on standby for possible rescue operations. Emergency personnel placed on standby. **Downtown City of Franklin has been closed due to a gasoline leak that has dumped 11,000 gallons of gasoline heading toward the river.**
- City of Richmond: Battery Park flooding reoccurred. Health Department is responding to City of Richmond request for disinfectant procedures for flooding in Battery Park. **Additional evacuations occurred Friday.**

- Isle of Wight County: Water system in Zuni inoperable, affecting 40 customers. Bottled water request coordinated by VEOC. Bottled water being made available for affected residents; costs being incurred by Southampton County. IDA teams deployed to affected areas. PDA team concluded that most damage is affected area is from flooding and is not causing structural damage.
- James City County: IDA teams deployed to affected areas.
- City of Chesapeake has offered services in the form of boats, high water vehicles, or other if needed.

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